

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JUDGE GEORGE MITCHELL, JR.

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Judge George M. Mitchell who passed away April 19 of this year. Judge Mitchell was a dear friend and mentor of mine, and I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Judge Mitchell was born on February 14, 1945 to George Mitchell and Lenora Oliver Mitchell in Winona, Mississippi. He was raised by his grandparents, Oscar and Minnie Oliver after his mother passed away. He attended Mississippi State University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in Vietnam. He continued his service both in the Mississippi Air National Guard and the United States Air Force Reserve. He retired as a Colonel and with the honorary designation as a Brigadier General.

George graduated from law school at the University of Mississippi in 1975. He clerked at the Mississippi Supreme Court and served his community for 40 years. He served as the Prosecuting Attorney for Webster County from 1986–2004 and was appointed as Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court District, where he served until his passing.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Matt; daughter, Mandy; and three grandchildren.

I feel honored to have known and learned so much from Judge Mitchell, and I know I am not the only Mississippian who has benefitted from his life in public service. My prayers and condolences are with his family.

### HONORING NAVON MORGAN FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

#### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Navon Morgan, from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Navon is no exception.

Navon is pursuing his bachelor's in Political Science at the University of Washington.

Navon says he is passionate about hearing the needs of the community and utilizing policy and the power of advocacy to meet those issues with tangible solutions—which is an admirable and worthy goal. His current activities and goals for his future are exactly why Navon was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Navon on receiving this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

### HONORING MEIING FANG AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Meiling Fang has worked at the United States Post Office for more than 35 years.

Meiling Fang is deeply involved in public affairs locally and nationally. She has been volunteering with the community in education, management, and public affairs. She is a founding member and current president of the Florida Educational Alliance. The nonprofit organization promotes and provides various leadership programs for helping domestic and international students to learn and experience the American culture, economy, and education. The leadership development programs help our future leaders to leverage their talent and necessary experience.

She is also an active board member of Asian Pacific Islanders American Public Affairs (APAPA) in Central Florida to empower civic and public affairs through education, active participation, and leadership development.

### MRS. ANGIE NOLAND

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Angie Noland as she retires from twenty-seven years as a teacher in early childhood education from Maysville, Mo.

Mrs. Noland has been a dedicated servant to her students for twenty-seven years. With a heart for early childhood education, she prepared pre-school and kindergarten classes to embrace the joy of learning. Her service to the community and the school district in Maysville set an example for all students, parents and staff. Even after suffering a major stroke in November of 2021, she refused to give up on teaching and in April 2022 was able to come back full time. She is the best example of the hard work and dedicated service provided by America's public-school teachers.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Mrs. Angie Noland for the hard work and dedication to public education serving the children of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Mrs. Angie Noland in the United States House of Representatives.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES FRANKLIN SWIMMER

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Charles Franklin Swimmer. Mr. Swimmer was a resident of Iuka, Mississippi, and lived a long and meaningful life.

Mr. Swimmer was born in July of 1945. Mr. Swimmer became a career photographer after finding his passion while serving in the United States Air Force. Amidst finding his passion for photography Mr. Swimmer served three tours in Vietnam before moving to Iuka, Mississippi where he opened his own business called, "Photography by Charles". After opening in 1975, Mr. Swimmer's business remained open for the 38 years he ran it.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Charlotte Swimmer, their two daughters Rebecca, and Terri, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. We are grateful for Mr. Swimmer's service to this country, and for his hard work and dedication to his work and family.

### RECOGNIZING CARL JENNINGS

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carl Jennings on his retirement and thank him for his decades of leadership as Director of Recreation and Human Services for the City of Long Branch, New Jersey. Mr. Jennings' accomplishments and dedicated public service are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Throughout his nearly 30-year tenure at the Long Branch Department of Recreation and Human Services, Mr. Jennings has gone above and beyond his duties to oversee the department and execute its recreational programs and activities. From his vision and hands-on leadership to his collaborations with community partners and organizations, Mr. Jennings has expanded program offerings and events, and increased community participation. These programs and activities are an asset to residents; they encourage active living, develop life skills, and promote community engagement. Carl Jennings has helped renew a sense of community pride within the city and his leadership will truly be missed.

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In addition to his work as Director of Recreation and Human Services, Mr. Jennings has been an active member of the greater Long Branch community. Serving as a Commissioner of the Long Branch Housing Authority, member of the Monmouth Family Health Center Board of Directors and a member of the Rotary Club of Long Branch, Carl Jennings has established himself as an advocate for the community. His knowledge and commitment to service was also recognized in his appointment to the Monmouth County Youth Services Commission and the 11th Legislative District Economic Recovery Advisory Council Governments Subcommittee.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Carl Jennings on his retirement. It is my honor to recognize his dedicated service to the City of Long Branch and offer my best wishes as he enters this new stage in life.

**HONORING PAULINE HO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Pauline Ho was born and educated in Hong Kong and the United States. She is a U.S. CPA in both Florida and Washington, and a U.K. chartered accountant. She has a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a master's degree in business administration from Andrews University of Michigan, and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Central Florida.

Pauline began her career with public accounting in one of the big four CPA firms in Hong Kong. During the past 20 years, she has progressed to senior finance positions to cover financial planning and budgeting, corporate finance, controllership, and financial consulting in multiple industries both in the Asia Pacific regions and the United States. In 2008, she opened the doors of Laus Consulting Services to the public—providing accounting, tax, and business consulting services.

Pauline enjoys living and working in a multicultural environment as she has lived in Hong Kong, Sydney, Australia; and the United States. She has also traveled extensively in China, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia during her career. This enables her to build up a solid foundation in international accounting and tax. She is fluent in English, Cantonese, and some Mandarin.

Pauline is very active in the local community as well. She was the president of the Chinese American Association of Central Florida, Central Florida vice chair to the finance and business development committees of the Asian American Federation of Florida, on the Board of Directors of the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, chair of the Chinese School of CAACF, and chair of the Scholastic Award Committee of Asian American Heritage Council. She is currently the chair of REACH of Central Florida, vice president of Youth En-

richment and Senior Services, as well as treasurer and on the Board of Directors of Mills 50. She is also on the Board of Directors of United Against Poverty and Sharing Center, and CPAs for various nonprofit organizations.

**CELEBRATING THE ENGAGEMENT OF KATIE BERG AND TYE COVEY IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of the first of many stories to come out of America's 63rd National Park: New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in West Virginia.

On April 15, 2022, a young couple whose all-American love story began in the Midwest and flourished in our nation's capital chose to start the rest of their lives together while hiking the Beauty Mountain Trail.

It was a cool and quiet evening when Tye Covey and Katie Berg took in a sunset from the overlook.

As Tye searched for the words to match the wondrous moment, the Lord touched his heart. He said, "I explained to Katie how great it is that I get to spend every day with my best friend, and I asked her if she'd like to do that forever."

Their love story is as pure and true as the natural beauty at New River Gorge.

Please join me in wishing Katie Berg and Tye Covey a lifetime of adventures together as Wild and Wonderful as West Virginia itself.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize April 30, 2022, as National Therapy Animal Day. Pet Partners therapy animal teams throughout Mississippi play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond. Pet Partners animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, schools and hospices. Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literary challenges, and those approaching the end of life. These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.

There is a growing body of research that demonstrates the various ways in which therapy animals can make a difference in a person's life. They are believed to improve mental wellness by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation. They may also influence our physical health, lowering perceived levels of pain, shortening recovery times, and help-

ing those who are ill have a positive outlook about their future.

In the State of Mississippi, we encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, I publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

On this day, I also wish to recognize Phillip and Kimberly Jackson, owners of For the Puppies Training Academy. I commend them for their hard work and steadfast dedication to training dogs for pet owners and to enhance the lives of others through their own therapy dogs—Pretzel and Oreo.

**CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL CIVIC SYMPHONY**

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they celebrate their 75th anniversary of music-making in Minnesota's capitol city. Founded in 1945, the Saint Paul Civic Symphony is St. Paul's oldest orchestra, and was created to provide World War II servicemen returning from war with a way to reenter into the music community.

The symphony was established with four fundamental objectives—to provide the greater Saint Paul Community with free concerts with a wide range of symphonic literature, to provide musicians with an opportunity to perform in a high-quality symphony, to serve children in the community by offering interactive and imaginative performances to instill in them a love of music, and to deepen ties with their sister orchestra, the Nagasaki Symphony, and nurture cultural exchange between both cities.

This year the symphony has commissioned a new piece of music by local composer Steve Heitzeg titled "Green Hope after Black Rain (Symphony for the Survivors of Manzanar, Hiroshima and Nagasaki)" which reflects upon and celebrates the unique relationship between the Saint Paul Civic Symphony and the Nagasaki Symphony. This relationship as sister symphonies was the first affiliation of its kind in the United States, and fosters a fruitful exchange of repertoire and musicians between the orchestras.

The Saint Paul Civic Symphony has been a pillar of the arts in our community for many decades, and while this year actually marks their 76th season of performances, delays from the coronavirus pandemic have postponed their anniversary celebration to this spring. Music, like all forms of art, enriches our culture and our community, especially during challenging times like these past few years. And I am grateful to the volunteers, board of directors, musicians and music director Jeffrey Stirling, who are all deeply committed to supporting the arts and the mission of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they return to in-person performances and celebrate their momentous 75th anniversary.